

The bill to prevent the exportation of bread and flour, &c. was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Willon and Mr. M^eMechen.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for holding special elections in Cecil county, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, January 9, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.
 " By the senate, January 9, 1782: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
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Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the regulation of ferries, was read the second time and committed for amendments.

The bill directing the proceedings against fornication, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Burgess and Mr. Caulin.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, January 10; 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

ORDERED, That the auditor-general be directed immediately to lay before the house a list of monies received by the civil officers, and the balances due for the preceding year.

The report on the petition of Luke Marbury was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Bayly, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Stone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, appointed to enquire into and report the quantity of cloathing, provisions, and other necessaries, purchased or taken in this state, and the quantity of supplies drawn from this state for the use of the United States; also the execution of an act passed last May session, for obtaining horses and waggons, beg leave to report,

That your committee have made every effort in their power to comply with the duties of their appointment, by giving the honourable house every information required of them; but the peculiar system of the commissary department, and the manner in which it has been conducted, have hitherto rendered every enquiry unavailing. Troops belonging to this state and to the United States, coming through this state, in parts thereof where no commissary or quarter-master belonging to the United States resided, and the said troops being destitute of every necessary, therefore orders have been given by the governor and council to the deputy commissaries, to issue provisions and necessaries to troops belonging to this state and the United States, in consequence of which, such necessaries have been issued to persons not authorized by the United States to receive them, and whose receipts, your committee are of opinion, may not be sufficient vouchers of charges made by this state against the United States. Not one of the deputy commissaries have rendered complete and final accounts, either to the governor and council, or to the commissary-general of the western shore, though repeatedly pressed by him to make regular monthly returns, and to complete their accounts.

Your committee have not any return from the commissary-general of the eastern shore.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the deputy commissaries be directed immediately to settle their accounts with the auditor, and that the auditor make a general state of the whole, showing particularly the quantity of supplies purchased since the first of January last, and the supplies taken or purchased in virtue of an act passed last May session to procure an immediate supply of cloathing, &c. and the supplies drawn from, or furnished by, this state, to the United States, since the first of December last.

Your committee have also examined the returns of the persons employed to collect horses and waggons, in virtue of an act passed last May session, and find, that William Robertson, collector in Montgomery county, has taken 9 light horses, valued to £. 372 10 0, the average price thereof £. 41 7 9½; 11 draught horses with geers, valued to £. 294 15 0, the average price thereof £. 26 15 10; 1 waggon, valued to £. 24; total 20 horses and 1 waggon, valued to £. 691 5 0. That John Chairs, collector of Queen-Anne's county, has taken 10 light horses, valued to £. 732 10 0, average value thereof £. 73 5 0; 11 draught horses, valued to £. 487 10 0, average value thereof £. 44 6 4; total 21 horses, valued to £. 1220 0 0. That John Roberts, collector in Talbot county, has taken 6 light horses, valued to £. 250 0 0, average value thereof, £. 41 13 4; and 9 draught horses, valued to £. 223 10 0, average value thereof £. 24 16 8; total 15 horses, valued to £. 473 10 0. That Patrick, Sim Smith, collector in

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